

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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For: BIOCATALYST FOR PRODUCTION)	
OF D-LACTIC ACID)	

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO RESTRICTION AND
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS**

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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action (Restriction and Election of Species Requirements) dated January 26, 2009, Applicants submit herewith the following Amendment and Reply.